In this accident, 2 persons lost their lives, 29 sustained grievous injuries and 58 simple injuries. An ex-gratia amount of Rs. 30,250 has been paid to the next of kin of the dead and injured.

The Commissioner of Railway Safety is inquiring into this accident.

Some of the important steps taken to prevent accidents are:—

(i) Intensification of field inspections by supervisors and officers.

(ii) Formation of multi-disciplinary teams to inspect accident-prone areas and suggest corrective measures.

(iii) Counselling of staff especially Drivers, Assistant Station Masters, etc.

(iv) Revamping training programmes and emphasis on Refresher Courses.

(v) Deterrent punishments to those found responsible for accidents due to gross negligence.

(vi) Educational campaigns for the staff and publicity for the road users.

(vii) Induction of sophisticated technology as a counter-check to human lapses.

(viii) Improved maintenance of Track and Rolling Stock.

Proposal to raise fares by the Indian Airlines

77. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines is incurring losses on short routes;

(b) whether all the short routes are uneconomical to operate;

(c) whether the Indian Airlines has recently submitted a proposal for increasing the fare;

(d) whether Government are considering to delegate the powers to Indian Airlines to increase provisionally fare rates in future; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(e) Does not arise.

Crash landing of IA Boeing 731 so Delhi

78. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Airlines Boeing 737 plane from Srinagar crash landed in Delhi on the 19th June, 1988 and its engine caught fire;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the loss of life and property suffered as a result thereof and whether any inquiry has been conducted into the incident and the action taken by Government in the matter; and

(c) what measures Government